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The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo
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This organization was created in 1976. The idea for it formed when relatives of people who either were detained by the Government or had disappeared gathered in the Plaza de Mayo to file requests for information about their relatives (in Government House, which fronts on the Plaza de Mayo). As the relatives, mostly mothers, got to know one another, the idea of acting as a group instead of as individuals was born.

The first action the group took was to meet every Thursday at 3:30 PM in the Plaza de Mayo in front of Government House to call public attention to the problem of people who had disappeared. The group's first demonstration took place the last Thursday of April 1977, and was the first street demonstration to levy public demands on the military regime. The mothers have continued to assemble in the Plaza de Mayo every Thursday since, and have expanded their activities to include press conferences, calls on embassies, and the dispatch of missions to foreign countries to seek international support. Their goal is the return of their children, alive. If that proves impossible, then the mothers want to know how their children died, who was responsible, and how justice can be served in the light of these facts, once known.

The current President of the group is Mrs. Hebe P. de Bonafini, mother of two disappeared. There has been U.S. Congressional interest expressed in their cases, but no information on their whereabouts has come to light.